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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING GRANTING  
MOTIONS FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE

(February 4, 1998)

On January 30, 1998, four motions for late acceptance were filed by participants in this case.<sup>1</sup> The Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers (ANM) filed its responses to interrogatories from the United Parcel Service (UPS) directed to ANM's witness Haldi accompanied by a motion for acceptance one day out of time. In order to mitigate any inconvenience, a copy of the responses was provided via facsimile to counsel for UPS.

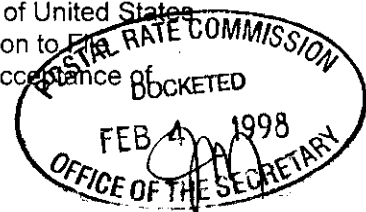
The Postal Service filed a motion for late acceptance of the response to NAA/USPS-21, three days out of time. This delay was occasioned by the need to consult among departments within Headquarters.

The Major Mailers Association filed a motion for late acceptance of witness Bentley's affirmation which was inadvertently omitted from the responses to UPS/MMA-T1-1-6.

The Mail Order Association of America filed notice of its expected oral cross-examination of intervenor witnesses, accompanied by a request for late acceptance.

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<sup>1</sup> Motion for Late Acceptance of and Response of Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers Witness Haldi to Interrogatories of United Parcel Service (UPS/ANM-T1-1-2); Motion for Late Acceptance of United States Postal Service Response to NAA Interrogatory 21; and Motion of Major Mailers Association to File Witness's Affirmation Out of Time; Mail Order Association of America's Motion for Late Acceptance of Identification of Expected Amount of Oral Cross-Examination.



As no party appears to be prejudiced by these motions, I will accept the filed responses and affirmation.

### RULING

1. The Motion for Late Acceptance of and Response of Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers Witness Haldi to Interrogatories of United Parcel Service (UPS/ANM-T1-1), filed January 30, 1998, is granted.

2. The Motion for Late Acceptance of United States Postal Service Response to NAA Interrogatory 21, filed January 30, 1998, is granted.

3. The Motion of Major Mailers Association to File Witness's Affirmation Out of Time, filed January 30, 1998, is granted.

4. The Mail Order Association of America's Motion for Late Acceptance of Identification of Expected Amount of Oral Cross-Examination, filed January 30, 1998, is granted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward J. Gleiman".

Edward J. Gleiman  
Presiding Officer